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AOC Dinner/Auction Fundraiser -
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February 19-21, 2009 Juneau

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Several "anglers" successfully fishing the waters of Katmai National Park.

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Up for Grabs

By Rod Arno AOC Executive Director

Hunting, trapping, fishing, and motorized access to public lands in Alaska are all up for grabs in the current political arena. "Up for grabs" means whoever expends the greatest energy, money, or ingenuity and sticks with it wins.

Regulations propagated by Alaska's administrative staff, department heads, and appointed Boards have a great influence on whether you are going to have any fish or game to harvest and where, plus how you will be allowed to go about harvesting your wildfood source. Federal rules which apply to 60% of the land in the state have been limiting hunting, trapping, and fishing opportunities on federal lands through their regulatory processes for the last two decades. Motorized access on federal lands,

plus lands yet to be transferred to the State or Native Corporations, have seen major restrictive revisions to open motorized access during that same time span.

Lately the rulemaking process has been open for grabs 365 days a year.

There aren't any days of the year that you couldn't be presenting oral testimony, submitting written comments, or preparing your public comments regarding fish and game allocation or access restrictions to both State and federal lands in Alaska. The Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game, the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Federal Subsistence Board, the North Pacific Fisheries Management

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President's Message

By Dick Bishop, AOC President



Dick Bishop with his bird dog, Gitano, hunting in the White Mtns. BLM Recreation Area.

AOC – 25 years old and counting

Hunting's biggest threat isn't the "anti's" – it's apathy!

AOC needs YOU! AOC needs your ideas, issues, work, dollars, advice, and grass-roots support to perpetuate good resource management, promote fairness in opportunities for fish and game uses, and guard our constitutional rights.

AOC's annual meeting in February is a good time to get started if you're not already attacking apathy.

Why is there an Alaska Outdoor Council? Where did it come from? What does it take to make it go?

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) became law in 1980. It established vast new federal parks, refuges, wild and scenic rivers, and imposed new federal authority on the uses of wild renewable resources. Most prominently, it established a priority for use of those resources on

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federal lands and waters by rural residents; this overrode Alaska's previous management authority. Alaska became the lone state in the U.S. with a preemptive federal law dictating allocation of resident fish, game, and other wild resources.

In 1983 the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) was reorganized from the neglected remains of its predecessor, the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Federation and Sportsmen's Council. AOC's organizers saw the need for a more effective voice for fishers, hunters, trappers, and others concerned about fish and game management in general, and the effects of ANILCA in particular. AOC later became the official State Association of the National Rifle Association.

AOC's bylaws spell out the reasons for its existence in its "purposes". Basically these are to perpetuate wild, renewable resources through professional state management, and to insure equality in opportunities for access to and use of those resources

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Salmon: Public stocks that never lose their value to Alaskans

By Rod Arno AOC Executive Director



While the value of salmon on commercial markets may fluctuate, the value of salmon as a wild food source to Alaskans - although unrecorded - continues to grow. In-season harvest of salmon by individuals is limited to a small fraction of the total statewide harvest by a multitude of regulations affecting various classifications of users - subsistence, sport, and personal use. These restrictions imposed by the Board of Fisheries and a general lack of access to salmon-bearing rivers gives a false value of what salmon is really worth to a majority of Alaskans.

Shelves and freezers stocked with last season's salmon are a comfort in today's volatile food markets. Access to salmon and other wildfoods is one of the special reasons to live in Alaska. Thanks to the framers of the State's Constitution the Common Use Clause (Article 8, Section 3) gives all Alaskans the right to harvest their own wild food.

Along with that right goes the responsibility to make sure access to salmon and other wild food for personal consumption is not taken away from Alaskans by any one user group. Commercial salmon fisheries interests fight for as large of an allocation as they can get. Alaska Native representatives battle for in-river users, coastal village commercial use, and subsistence fisheries. Non-government organizations like the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) and it's sister organization the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund (AFWCF) participate in the legislative, regulatory, and court processes on behalf of members and the general public's opportunity to harvest the public salmon resource.


If the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game don't adhere to the constitutional mandates of common use and equal access to public resources it's up to Alaskans to challenge their actions in the regulatory, legislative, or judicial process. Just such a situation has recently been made apparent on the Copper River. Alaska residents who take part in the personal use dipnet salmon fishery in the Copper River at Chitina have a smaller bag limit for kings than other users, a cap on growth of the overall dipnet salmon harvest, and no priority over commercial use. There are larger bag limits on the very same salmon stocks under subsistence regulations both up and down river from the Chitina Subdistrict, where the Board of Fisheries has overturned the subsistence classification of dipnetting.

Under State subsistence use regulations Alaskans can theoretically fly or take the ferry to Cordova on May 15th and hire a commercial gillnetter to take them out for a limit of 5 Copper River King Salmon before the start of the commercial salmon harvest season. Or Alaskans who qualify as State subsistence users can go one mile upriver on the Copper River from the Chitina non-subsistence dipnet area and harvest a daily bag limit of 5 kings using a dipnet or an unlimited number of kings if using a fishwheel.

The stated reason Alaskan *personal use* fishers have fewer opportunities for fishing in the Chitina Subdistrict is that the Board of Fisheries voted them out of a subsistence priority because there were too many of them who did **not** live in the Copper River Basin. This action is not consistent with the State Constitution or the current statutes governing subsistence allocation on State lands or waters. The Board of Fisheries caved in to the wishes of commercial fishers, who didn't want a large number of Alaskans to have a priority on salmon, and to advocates of a rural subsistence priority, who have consistently opposed State law recognizing that all Alaskans are entitled to apply for subsistence use opportunities.

After exhausting every channel through the Board of Fisheries process to amend regulations restricting salmon harvest for residents on the Copper River at Chitina, AOC will pursue other courses of action. Legislative relief takes a considerable amount of time, effort, and contentious political debate. A legal challenge to the current Board of Fisheries personal use Chitina dipnet fishery ruling would obviously be expensive, but would address whether the Board acted in accordance with State law.

If you value your opportunity to harvest salmon to feed your family you will have to help fight to continue the practice. Donations to the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund (AFWCF) are tax deductible and can be specifically made for legal challenge to the Board's actions regarding the Chitina dipnet fishery.

Donations can be sent to: AFWCF, PO Box 73902, Fairbanks, AK. 99707 or donated online by credit card at the AOC website <http://www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org> 

Who Owns the Halibut? The Commercial Fishermen Do...

By Kimberly Tebrugge, Charter Halibut Task Force

At least, that's what the North Pacific Fishery Management Council implied at its October meeting when it voted 10 to 1 to recommend a hard limit on the number



of halibut that guided recreational anglers could catch each year in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. Led by a Southeast Alaska commercial fisherman and with the acquiescence of the State of Alaska

Commissioner of Fish and Game, the Council rejected all efforts by the lone recreational representative on the Council to provide for a more fair and equitable allocation of the halibut resource.

Under the Council's plan, after unguided recreational and subsistence removals, commercial IFQ fishermen get 85% of the remaining halibut available for harvest in Areas 2C and 3A, while guided recreational anglers are limited to just 15%.

Unguided recreational and subsistence fishing are not currently affected by the Council plan. But given the Council's determination to "protect" the value of commercial IFQs from "erosion" by recreational anglers, unguided anglers will be next if their share of the halibut harvest grows to any real extent.

At the current stock levels, the Council plan means a one halibut daily bag limit in Southeast for the foreseeable future – at least through 2013. Southcentral Alaska would get a two halibut daily bag limit, but could face size limits on the second halibut or a one halibut daily limit as angler

demand increases, which it likely will as anglers shift from Southeast to Southcentral Alaska to catch two halibut.

To further benefit the commercial IFQ holders, the Council plan includes an option for commercial IFQ holders to be able to rent the halibut resource to anglers that want the opportunity to catch a second halibut. The IFQ holders aren't required to lease the halibut, it's just their option if they want to sit on the beach and collect rent from anglers rather than catch the halibut themselves and sell it to a processor.

AOC and every other recreational group that testified before the Council opposed the allocation levels and leasing plan. Yet the Council ignored that testimony and adopted the leasing plan and allocation levels supported by the commercial IFQ holders.

Which brings us back to the question – who owns the halibut? If it is the public resource that Federal law says it is, then shouldn't the angling public get more than 15%? If you think they should, contact Governor Palin and the Secretary of Commerce to let them know that you think the 240,000 guided anglers who fish in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska represent more of the public than the 3,000 commercial IFQ holders who fish the same waters, to whom the Council wants to guarantee 85% of the public halibut resource. 🦉



This photo and top photo: Alaskans fishing for their wildfood supply

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Council, federal land management agencies, and the Alaska State Legislature meet regularly every year. All allow for public comments. This is where the future opportunities for individual Alaskans to gather their own wildfood are “up for grabs.”

When the legislature is in session General Fund monies are “up for grabs” and people are in the Capital Building advocating for their share. Alaska’s Constitution lays the groundwork for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) to manage fish stocks and game populations to achieve high harvests of wildfood for the benefit of people. (Article VIII Natural Resources.) ADF&G management plans that provide for sustainable harvests of wildfood depend on Department funding. The Administration and Legislature determine which management programs to fund and control how much will be spent on gathering data (science) and implementation of predator/prey management programs.

It’s up to hunters, trappers, fishers, and outdoor recreationists to lend our time, and money to the effort of grabbing what we can to assure protection of Alaskans’ outdoor heritage for ourselves and for future generations. Alaska’s most open to the public, democratic process of natural resource management is a two way street. If someone wants to stop harvest and access all they have to do is spend more energy, money, or ingenuity in the public process than those who support their outdoor heritage.

We have to do better than our adversaries or we lose. Alaskans attending the AOC 2009 Annual Meeting in Juneau next February will be actively working with legislators to achieve our goals. Please come join us. 🐾

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by participating in public policy processes, such as the Boards of Fisheries and Game, the Legislature, agencies, Congress, and courts. In addition, AOC, by its NRA connection, supports individual gun ownership rights, safe, ethical, legal firearms uses, and competitive shooting.

All of that sounds like a big bite to chew, and it has been. In spite of some success, opinions on AOC’s effectiveness range from “zip” to “slam dunk” among both allies and adversaries. But we’re still chewing!

How does AOC work? It’s an “umbrella” outfit of member clubs or groups. Currently about 45 Alaskan clubs are members. Delegates from these clubs meet annually to elect Directors from 3 regions of the State to the 7-member volunteer AOC Board. Delegates also advise the Board about issues to be addressed and how to run the outfit. About 1800 individuals and families are among AOC’s associate members. They are represented by regional delegates in addition to the club delegates.

The AOC Board is responsible for AOC’s operations. Executive Director Rod Arno is the sole paid employee. Bookkeeping and lobbying in the state Legislature currently are contracted out.

This means that much of what AOC does depends on volunteers. That’s where you and/or your club come in.

If you belong to a member club, ask to send a club delegate (or a proxy) to the AOC Annual Meeting in Juneau, February 20-21. Come yourself. Bring your “beefs” or “blessings”. Whether you’re a club member or not, at the very least, tell me or another Board member or Executive Director Rod Arno what’s on your mind. Get involved. A famous WWII recruiting poster said “Uncle Sam needs you!” – and a grave Uncle Sam pointed at YOU as you read it. Well, “Uncle AOC” needs YOU!

Hunting’s biggest threat isn’t the “anti’s” – it’s apathy! 🐾

Delta River Management Plan Revision

The Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office has recently completed the scoping report for the Delta River Management Plan Revision. The Scoping Report Cover Letter, Scoping Report, and the Scoping Report Comments Table as well as other planning documents and planning timelines associated with this effort can be viewed at the following link: www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/sa/delta_nwsr/Delta_River_Planning.html.

Please feel free to contact our office if you would like to receive a hard copy of the **Scoping Report** and associated documents. Have a warm and safe holiday!

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Fairbanks Folks Foster Ice Fishing

By Dick Bishop, 08' Co-Chair

Question: What do Alaska Tent & Tarp, AOC, Compeau's, Conoco-Phillips, Flint Hills Resources, Great Northwest Landscaping, Jerry Hallberg, Ridge Top Roofing, Bill Stroecker, Wells Fargo Bank, and Yukon Title Company all have in common?



Answer: They all donated to fund replacement of two winter ice fishing houses burned by vandals at Chena Lakes Recreation Area in 2005, along with the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game –Sport Fish Division and the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

When the news broke that vandals had destroyed 2 fish houses provided for public use, AOC and its related Alaska Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund kicked off a campaign to finance replacing them. ADF&G and the Borough agreed to build them if we could raise the money for materials. Before long some tax deductible donations came in, and the project was underway.

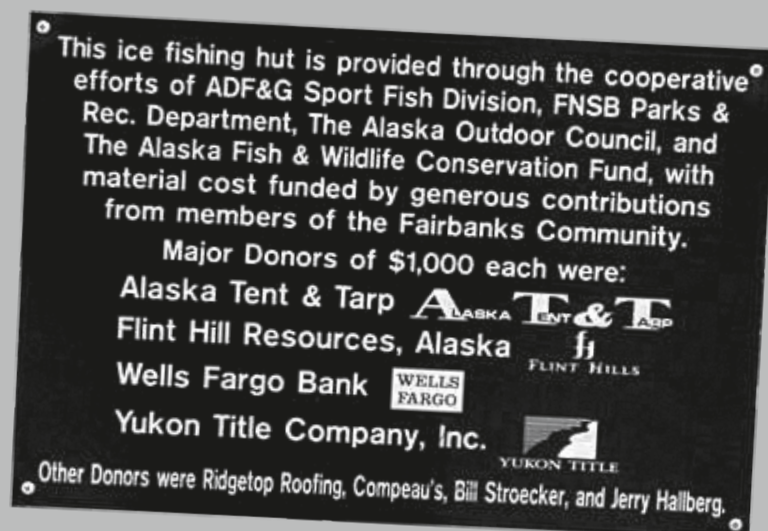
AOC member Mike Doxey took on the job of raising funds and coordinating with ADF&G's Dave Stoller on the project's needs. Dave expedited purchasing and initial

construction. Chris Jenkins, Matt Steffy, Brett Griffith and Pete Vogt of the Borough followed through in completing construction and getting the fish houses out for public use. The names of major donors are proudly posted on the structures.

The first fish house was ready for use in winter, 06-07. Mike wrangled enough donations to start work on the second one. Both ice fishing houses are now in service at Chena Lakes. Meanwhile, the Borough decided its insurance covered the original loss and had 2 more built.

ADF&G stocks the lakes with silver salmon, arctic char, rainbow, and Chinook salmon, including some bigger brood stock fish when available. Public fishing at Chena Lakes is very popular, both summer and winter. The fishing houses are available to the general public for rent by contacting the Borough. Also, ADF&G and the Borough cooperate in sponsoring "fishing days" for elementary students and for elders. For many, it's their first ever fishing experience.

AOC and the Fund thank the donors, ADF&G, and the FNSB for joining in this community effort to restore – and improve on – opportunities to enjoy fishing, even during the short, cold, dark days of winter. There's probably some great "fish stories" told around the stove while waiting for the fish to bite, one of which should be how folks in Fairbanks got together to foster ice fishing. 🐟



Silver Anniversary – Fairbanks FUNdraiser for the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund and Alaska Outdoor Council

By Dick Bishop, 08' Co-Chair

“Old Timers” among Fairbanks AOC members were jolted when they realized that 2008 was the 25th year for the Fairbanks FUNdraiser. Begun by AOC at the suggestion of Bud & Sally Burris, it is now sponsored by the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund, the 501(c)(3) “sister” corporation of AOC.

There were some new twists to the old event this year.

Bill Waugaman’s contributions to the “new beginnings” of AOC in 1983 were celebrated by auctioning a commemorative Kimber sheep rifle. Bill passed away in 2003. His daughter, Debbie Curnow, organized a special poster and petition effort to support naming a peak in Bill’s old hunting country as “Waugaman Mountain”. That proposal was later approved by the Alaska Historical Commission and now goes to the U.S. board on geographic names for approval.

Lenora Conkle, at 99 years still full of interest and enthusiasm, joined us again at the event. Lenora has extolled the hunting lifestyle in her many enjoyable and informative books.

Both Senator Stevens and Congressman Young joined us for dinner and received a warm welcome from many of their constituents. Governor Palin was represented by ADF&G Commissioner Denby Lloyd. Representatives Mike Kelly and Jay Ramras also attended.

Donne Fleagle, President of MTNT Native Corporation, made a special trip to present a plaque from people of the Upper Kuskokwim thanking AOC for its help in promoting recovery of the moose



population through management of predators in that area. Donne described the decline of moose due to heavy snows and predation, and a previous administration’s refusal to implement an approved predator management plan.



“We found the AOC to be a friend of ours in our battle to see a restoration of our moose herds as we felt the emotional impacts on our culture and communities. We thank you, the AOC, for standing beside us...”

Poetic justice prevailed when Autumn Bothwell, the young daughter of former AOC / Fund President Scott Bothwell won the Grand Door Prize. Applause and smiles engulfed the two as Autumn ran off the stage and into her kneeling dad’s arms.

Many thanks go to the dozens of donors, 513 guests, the 20 plus committee chairs, about 85 “worker bee” volunteers and our new General Chair Jim Sackett. Several gals from the group “Friends of BOW” volunteered and were especially valuable to our success.

Finally, much to our complete surprise, that great crew secretly arranged to dedicate the event to Mary and me. We “didn’t get it” until the doors to the event opened and we saw the program – with our picture on it - and read the “fine print”. Thank you one and all!!

P.S. We even made some money! 🐾

ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

2009 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

AOC Member Club Name

☐ Will send a Voting Delegate

☐ Will send a Proxy Delegate

☐ Will not send a Delegate

Voting Delegate Certification:

This certifies that the individuals named below are authorized to represent our organization at the 2009 AOC Annual Meeting. (One delegate per Member Club) If your Member Club cannot send a delegate, please designate a proxy delegate under "Proxy Delegate Certification" below.

Primary Delegate Name _____

Alternate Delegate Name _____

Proxy Delegate Certification:

1. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of notice of the 2009 AOC Annual Meeting and hereby appoints the Proxy Delegate named below with full power of substitution to appear and to vote at the 2009 AOC Annual Meeting. This proxy shall expire pending completion of the Annual Meeting. Maximum of three proxies per Delegate.

Proxy Delegate Name _____

Signature of Current Club Officer

Printed Name and Title

Date

AOC Board of Directors:

We recommend the following individual(s) for election to the AOC Board of Directors. Nominations will go to the Nominations Committee for submission to the Delegates during the 2009 Annual Meeting.

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Signature of Current Club Officer

Printed Name and Title

Date

Member Club Issues: We want Annual Meeting participants to discuss the following issues:

Delegate Duties

2. Article 9, Section 1 of the AOC Bylaws provides that each Member Club shall be represented by an official Delegate selected by the member body for that purpose.
3. Elect AOC Board of Directors, vote on AOC Resolutions, Policies, and Bylaw changes.
4. Review and recommend changes to AOC annual operations.
5. Decide time and location for 2010 Annual Meeting.

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AOC 2009 Annual Meeting

By Rod Arno AOC Executive Director



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December 1, 2008

To: Alaska Outdoor Council Members and Friends,

The **Alaska Outdoor Council 2009 Annual Meeting** will be held in Juneau at Centennial Hall Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 2009.

The Twenty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature will be in session. Thursday, February 19th would be a good time for AOC Delegates to meet & greet their representatives.

The success of many of AOC's long term goals such as continued employment of qualified fish and game staff, predator-prey management, well regulated public access to public lands and resources, management of salmon stocks on a sustained yield basis, and enforcement of fish and game regulations all depend on support from our legislators in the legislative process, especially the budget process.

AOC staff and board members have had a productive year in 2008 representing fishers, hunters, trappers and members who access Alaska's outdoors. Numerous agenda topics from past AOC Annual Meetings have been addressed by both State and Federal courts, the State Legislature, or the Boards of Fisheries and Game. The new Obama administration will have a profound effect on all aspects of federal land management. Many topics are still unresolved and may come before state and federal courts and agencies this year.

Topics of discussion and items that may need AOC Delegate action;

- Support for General Fund expenditures to the Departments of Fish & Game, Natural Resources, and Public Safety.
- Changes to State subsistence priority law and Tier II regulations.
- Village Wildlife Management Initiatives
- ORV access and enforcement of Generally Allow Uses.
- Currently introduced legislation affecting outdoor activities.
- Status of AOC Political Action Committee.
- AOC Budgeting and sources of income.
- Federal issues

Each AOC member club has the opportunity to name one official delegate, either a club member or a proxy, and, if desired, an alternate delegate to represent them at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, February 21st. In addition to reports of AOC activities this past year, the agenda includes election of AOC directors, action on any proposed changes to Bylaws, Policies or Resolutions, and advice to the Board on upcoming issues.

A delegate registration fee of \$25.00 is requested to help cover meeting costs. Clubs need to be up to date on dues for their delegates to represent them. Clubs often pay dues at the meeting.

Please consider attending whether you will be representing your club in an official capacity or not. Individual (associate) members will be represented by one delegate from each region: Southeast, Southcentral, and Interior/Arctic Alaska. As an **individual member of AOC**, you can be elected as a **delegate-at-large** at the annual meeting.

The Juneau AOC Dinner & Auction will take place on Friday, February 20th at Centennial Hall. Tickets (\$75.00 for two or \$40.00 for a single) may be obtained after the start of the New Year from the Juneau AOC Auction Committee at:

Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.
PO Box 20761
Juneau, AK 99802

Auction items to donate and dinner table special price offer information will be available at the start of the New Year by calling Susan- 789-5210

Nominations are currently being solicited for our Annual Awards to recognize outstanding work in fish and wildlife management or other resource issues important to our members. Traditionally, AOC stresses recognition in the region where the Annual Meeting is held, in this case Southeast Alaska. The AOC Board will consider nominations submitted in the following categories:

Outstanding AOC member club

Biologist of the year – fisheries, wildlife or habitat

Rick Halford legislator of the year award

Outdoor educator of the year

AOC individual member of the year

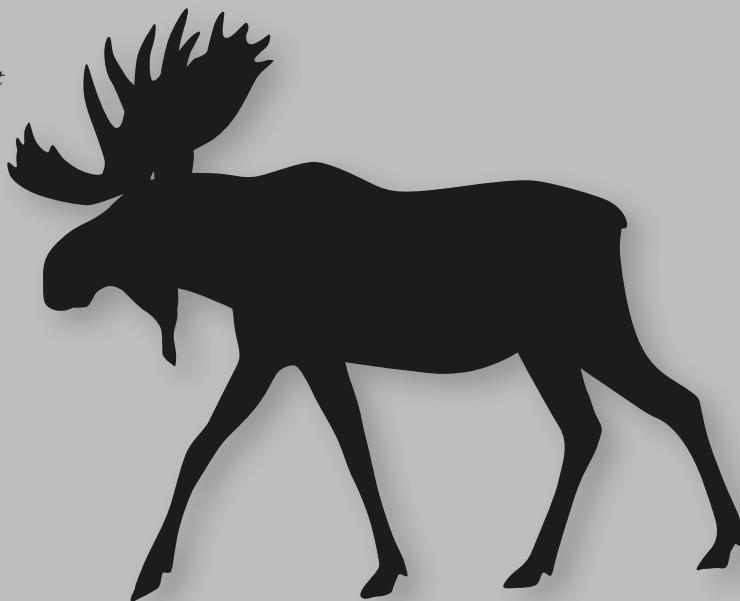
Outstanding business of the year

Sidney Huntington award

Sam McDowell award

Fish & wildlife protection officer of the year

and other awards by nomination



Email nominations to aoc@alaska.net or mail to AOC, POB 73902, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

This is your opportunity to participate in protecting your outdoor heritage and providing for your outdoor future. We believe that this event will be an outstanding chance to be better connected to your Alaska Outdoor Council and the issues that affect you as a member. We're looking forward to a great event, and hope that you will help us make this meeting one of the best yet by attending in person!

Meeting and the Juneau AOC Dinner/Auction will be held at the **Centennial Hall** located downtown within blocks of the Capitol Building.

Alaska Airlines will again offer their **Constituency Fare** to Juneau starting with the beginning of the Session next January. You must be a member of Alaska Airlines' Mileage Plan in order to receive the discount.

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Contact 1-800-544-0970, khunt@hollandamerica.com
- **The Driftwood Lodge-** \$55.00 per night- single or double occupancy plus 12% tax for standard rooms. Two blocks from Centennial Hall. *Contact 1-800-544-2239, Driftwood@gci.net*
- **The Silverbow-** \$119.00-\$139.00 per night with full deluxe breakfast. Three blocks from Centennial Hall. *Contact (907) 587-4146, Info@silverbowinn.com*

As soon as speakers are confirmed for the 2009 AOC Annual Meeting an agenda will be posted on the AOC website www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2009 Annual meeting. 🦋



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Denali Park Road Vehicle Management Plan Newsletter Now Available

The National Park Service has released a newsletter with the summary of the comments received during public scoping for the Denali Park Road Vehicle Management Plan and EIS. The newsletter highlights the comments provided during the project's initial scoping period this fall. The newsletter and additional information on this issue is posted on the Denali National Park and Preserve website at:

<http://www.nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/roadvehmgteis.htm>.

The National Park Service intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to develop and implement a plan to manage vehicles along the Denali Park Road. The goal of the plan is to provide a high quality experience for visitors while protecting wilderness resource values, scenic values, wildlife, other park resources, and maintaining the unique character of the park road.

A reasonable range of alternatives will be developed for consideration that are responsive to significant issues identified through agency and public involvement.

Since 1972, the established transportation system has been an effective mechanism to manage vehicle use while providing for quality visitor opportunities along the park road. However, the transportation system and the current vehicle use limits have never been comprehensively evaluated. There is a growing demand for the park road experience, and trends indicate that visitation to Alaska and the Denali area will continue to increase. By determining the carrying capacity of the park road and evaluating the transportation system, we will be able to more effectively manage projected future growth.

Please contact the Denali Park Planning Team with questions or comments about the project by email at DENA_Planning@nps.gov, or by mail at Denali Park Planning, P.O. Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676.



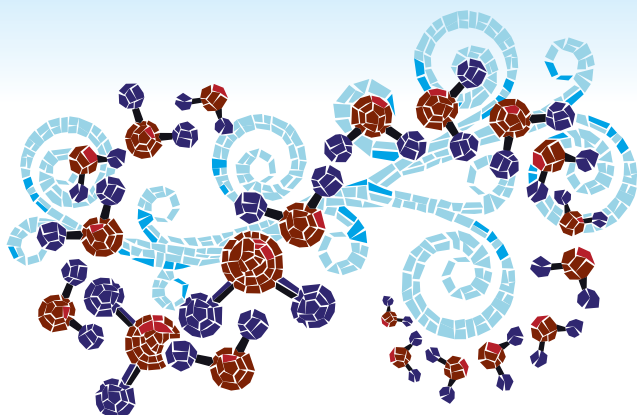
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The Trust Advisory Board (TAB) met by teleconference Tuesday, July 22nd, and elected two more trustees to the TAB, Teresa Sager Albaugh of Tok and Mal Linthwaite of Juneau. The Board re-elected Byron Haley as Vice Chair and elected Mal as Chair, and Teresa as Secretary. The other TAB members are Mary Bishop, Ron Somerville and Warren Olson.

It was decided at the meeting on July 22nd, that a new fundraising program would be undertaken this year. The program will be explained in the next issue of Outdoor Alaska.

There is one seat open on the TAB, and any AOC member that is a Trustee of the Fund is qualified to be on the TAB. Any Trustee that is interested in serving on the Trust Advisory Board, should contact Mal Linthwaite (907)789-3289 or by e-mail at malburro@gci.net.